

AGENDA MEMO

CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: MARCH 21, 2007

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

ITEM DESCRIPTION: VAR-19098 - APPLICANT/OWNER: KRYFAM, LP

**** CONDITIONS ****

Staff recommends DENIAL. The Planning Commission (4-1/sd-1/rt vote) recommends APPROVAL, subject to:

Planning and Development

1. Approval of and conformance to the Conditions of Approval for Special Use Permit (SUP-19100) and Site Development Plan Review (SDR-19097) shall be required.
2. This approval shall be void two years from the date of final approval, unless a certificate of occupancy has been issued or upon approval of a final inspection. An Extension of Time may be filed for consideration by the City of Las Vegas.

**** STAFF REPORT ****

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This is a request for a Variance to allow 74 parking spaces where 87 spaces are required on 1.83 acres at the southwest corner of Tenaya Way and Sky Pointe Drive.

The request does not meet the criteria for the approval of variances, as the hardship is self-created and the applicant could revise the development plan in order to comply with parking requirements.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

<i>Related Relevant City Actions by P&D, Fire, Bldg., etc.</i>	
12/07/98	The City Council approved a rezoning (Z-76-98) of this site to TC (Towncenter) as part of a larger overall request.
02/22/07	The Planning Commission recommended approval of companion items VAR-19447, SUP-19100 and SDR-19097 concurrently with this application. The Planning Commission voted 4-1/sd-1/rt to recommend APPROVAL (PC Agenda Item #29/ar).
<i>Pre-Application Meeting</i>	
12/12/06	The applicant was informed that this proposal would require a waiver of the Towncenter standard which requires a minimum 330 foot separation between a hotel and any detached single-family dwelling.
<i>Neighborhood Meeting</i>	
02/12/07	A neighborhood meeting was held at the Cimarron Rose Community Center, located at 5591 North Cimarron Road.

<i>Details of Application Request</i>	
<i>Site Area</i>	
Gross Acres	1.83 acres

Surrounding Property	Existing Land Use	Planned Land Use	Existing Zoning
Subject Property	Undeveloped	TC (Towncenter)	TC-SC (Towncenter Service Commercial)
North	Convenience store	TC (Towncenter)	TC-SC (Towncenter Service Commercial)
South	Ann Road	Ann Road	Ann Road
East	Convenience store	TC (Towncenter)	TC-SC (Towncenter Service Commercial)
West	Tavern	TC (Towncenter)	TC-SC (Towncenter Service Commercial)

<i>Special Districts/Zones</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Compliance</i>
Special Area Plan			
T-C Town Center District	X		N

The proposed hotel does not comply with the Towncenter standards because it is located within 330 feet of single family detached development (considered within SUP-19100) and because it proposes a four story structure where two stories is the maximum permitted (considered within VAR-19447).

DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

Per the Towncenter Development Standards Manual:

Pursuant to Title 19.10, the following parking standards apply:

Parking Requirement							
Use	Gross Floor Area or Number of Units	Required			Provided		Compliance
		Parking Ratio	Parking		Parking		
			Regular	Handi-capped	Regular	Handi-capped	
Hotel	87 rooms	1 space per room	87 spaces	4 spaces	74 spaces	4 spaces	N*
TOTAL			87 spaces	4 spaces	74 spaces	4 spaces	
Loading Spaces			1 space		1 space		Y
Percent Deviation					15 %		

Because there is no hardship associated with this variance, staff is recommending denial.

ANALYSIS

This site is currently undeveloped. The applicant proposes to develop a four story, 87 room hotel in the south portion of the site. Per the Zoning Code, a hotel of this size requires 87 parking spaces. A total of 74 spaces are provided in a parking lot located north of the hotel. The applicant has submitted a variance (VAR-19098) to address this deficiency. Staff finds there is no hardship associated with the site and is unable to support this variance.

FINDINGS

In accordance with the provisions of Title 19.18.070(B), Planning Commission and City Council, in considering the merits of a Variance request, shall not grant a Variance in order to:

1. Permit a use in a zoning district in which the use is not allowed;
2. Vary any minimum spacing requirement between uses;
3. Relieve a hardship which is solely personal, self-created or financial in nature.”

Additionally, Title 19.18.070L states:

“Where by reason of exceptional narrowness, shallowness, or shape of a specific piece of property at the time of enactment of the regulation, or by reason of exceptional topographic conditions or other extraordinary and exceptional situation or condition of the piece of property, the strict application of any zoning regulation would result in peculiar and exceptional practical difficulties to, or exceptional and undue hardships upon, the owner of the property, a variance from that strict application may be granted so as to relieve the difficulties or hardship, if the relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good, without substantial impairment of affected natural resources and without substantially impairing the intent and purpose of any ordinance or resolution.”

No evidence of a unique or extraordinary circumstance has been presented, in that the applicant has created a self-imposed hardship by not providing the required number of parking spaces for the existing and proposed uses. The provision of additional parking spaces or a change in the development plan would allow conformance to the Title 19 requirements. In view of the absence of any hardships imposed by the site’s physical characteristics, it is concluded that the applicant’s hardship is preferential in nature, and it is thereby outside the realm of NRS Chapter 278 for granting of Variances.

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS NOTIFIED

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ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

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SENATE DISTRICT

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NOTICES MAILED

375 by City Clerk

APPROVALS

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PROTESTS

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